

in Garfield Heights, Ohio. The Grand Opening of the Alliance's magnificent new building is on Saturday, October 21, 2000.

The Polish National Alliance is the largest ethnic fraternity in the world. Established in 1880, the PNA was formed to unite the members of the Polish immigrant community in America behind the dual causes of Poland's independence and their own advancement into mainstream American society. In 1885, the Alliance established an insurance program for the benefit of its members. Throughout its nearly 120-year-long heritage, the Alliance has grown to include education benefits for its members, newspapers promoting harmony and the Polish National cause, and has worked to promote Poland's independence. Since World War I, the PNA and its members have given generously to help meet the material and medical needs of Poland's people, as well.

Today, the Alliance has grown enormously in both numbers and influence, with a proud record of serving the insurance needs of more than two million men, women and children since 1880. As one of over nine-hundred local lodge groups, the Polish National Alliance Council 6 has carried on the great tradition and character of the PNA.

I ask that my colleagues join with me to commend the Polish National Alliance for years of service to both the local and national Polish communities, and also the diverse world community at-large. I rise to wish them many more years of accomplishments and achievements in their new building.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 75TH ANNIVERSARY OF UNION CITY

HON. ROBERT MENENDEZ

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 23, 2000

Mr. MENENDEZ. Mr. Speaker, today I recognize the 75th anniversary of Union City, NJ, the city I love, the city that allowed me to enter public service, and the city I proudly serve to this day.

Since it was founded on June 1, 1925, Union City has become home to people of varying ethnicity, many of whom made the difficult journey from their native land to build a new life in America, the land of opportunity. As a result, Union City represents the best of America, reflecting the melting-pot diversity that contributed to our Nation's great success.

Union City's 75th anniversary is a wonderful time to celebrate the history and future of a city whose culture is so rich in diversity. Union City's ethnic makeup includes Germans; Italians; Irish; Armenians; Puerto Ricans; Cubans; South Americans; Central Americans; Haitians; Asian Indians; Koreans; and Arabs; as well as many others.

With a population of approximately 60,000 individuals, living and working in 1.4 square miles, Union City is an amazing example of diversity in harmony. The residents of Union City proudly share their experiences, and I am proud to have had the opportunity to share my life with them.

Today, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the 75th anniversary of Union City.

IN HONOR OF FRANK KOPLOWITZ ON THE OCCASION OF HIS 80TH BIRTHDAY

HON. ANNA G. ESHOO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 23, 2000

Ms. ESHOO. Mr. Speaker, today I honor an outstanding American, a devoted husband, a loving father, an exceedingly proud grandfather and a superb friend on the occasion of his 80th birthday—Frank Koplowitz.

Born in New Britain, Connecticut on October 17, 1920, Frank has dedicated much of his life serving to our nation in the Air Force. Upon graduating from high school, he began studying airplane engine mechanics. He received his wings and graduated as a Second Lieutenant after his training at the University of Montana in Missoula and subsequent training in Santa Ana, California. During World War II, he was sent to overseas to England where he flew 37 missions as a bombardier with the 486th B.G. of B17s. On his 22nd mission, he was shot down over France and despite head injuries and a hospital stay, he requested that he be returned to his crew to finish his missions. He was awarded the D.F.C. and the Air Medal with six Clusters.

Frank continued his service in the Air Force Reserve for 26 years and retired as a Lieutenant Colonel. In addition to his service to our nation, he is a respected businessman who was in the jewelry manufacturing business for over fifty years. Today he remains active in many charitable organizations such as the Masonic Order and the City of Hope.

Mr. Speaker, Frank Koplowitz is an authentic American hero, a distinguished member of our community and an individual who is genuinely loved and admired by everyone who has met him and knows him. It's a privilege to have the opportunity to pay tribute to him on the occasion of his eightieth birthday and to recognize him for his profound contributions to our nation. We are indeed a better country because of him.

IN HONOR OF DR. PAUL GREENGARD, 2000 NOBEL PRIZE WINNER IN MEDICINE

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 23, 2000

Mrs. MALONEY of New York. Mr. Speaker, I enthusiastically rise today to honor Dr. Paul Greengard, the 2000 Nobel Prize winner in medicine, who resides and teaches in my district. Dr. Greengard received the Nobel Prize for his discovery of how dopamine—a human neurotransmitter that controls one's movements, emotional responses, and ability to experience pleasure and pain—affects the central nervous system. His advancements in the field of neuroscience have greatly increased our understanding of the relationships between neurobiological chemicals and some of the world's most widespread neurological disorders, such as Parkinson's Disease, Alz-

heimer's Disease, and Schizophrenia. Such an achievement is one I hold in tremendous regard and I truly hope my colleagues recognize the importance of Dr. Greengard's groundbreaking discovery.

Neurological diseases touch most every human being in some way. As the founder and Co-Chair of the Congressional Working Group on Parkinson's Disease, I am especially energized by Dr. Greengard's research. I sincerely hope that medical and academic professionals, buoyed by Dr. Greengard's achievements, continue their pursuit of uncovering the causes of the most pressing neurological disorders.

Dr. Greengard is a genuinely fascinating individual. He currently serves as the head of the Laboratory of Molecular and Cellular Neuroscience at The Rockefeller University in New York City and is the director of the Zachary and Elizabeth M. Fisher Center for Research on Alzheimer's Disease, also at Rockefeller. The Fisher Center, where I serve as a member of the Board of Trustees alongside Fisher CEO Michael Stern, is an extraordinarily valuable research center where Dr. Greengard has made pioneering discoveries in neuroscience which provide a more conceptual understanding of how the nervous system functions at the molecular level. His research into the abnormalities associated with Dopamine serves as a window through which scientists can examine the effects that Dopamine has on psychiatric disorders of human beings, such as substance abuse and Attention Deficit Disorder.

Dr. Greengard has dedicated his life to scientific exploration. Since 1953, when he received his Ph.D. in biophysics from Johns Hopkins University, Dr. Greengard has worked as a scientific professional in every sense of the word. From his days as a scholar at Cambridge University in London, and years as a professor of pharmacology at Yale University, Dr. Greengard has possessed a passion for knowledge into the scientific basis of human existence. His life is nothing short of an admirable testament to the joy of scholarship and the rewards of knowledge.

Mr. Speaker, I am immeasurably proud to have such an esteemed American living and working within my district. Dr. Greengard's Nobel Prize is a well-deserved honor and a tremendous reward for his dedication and tireless pursuit of scientific truth.

CONGRATULATING MIRIAM LOPEZ

HON. ILEANA ROS-LEHTINEN

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 23, 2000

Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to warmly congratulate Miriam Lopez for her new position as President of the Florida Bankers Association.

After obtaining a Masters in Business Administration from the University of Miami, Miriam began her career as a commercial loan officer with Southeast First National Bank of Miami. In 1985, she became President and CEO of TransAtlantic Bank becoming responsible for all the daily operations of the bank.